THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Pending framing of Recruitment Rules for the post of Store Officer in the CGHS Homoeopathic Store Depot, Delhi, action was taken to fill up the said post on ad-hoc basis in the year 1997 but the senior-most person in the feeder grade who was selected for the post refused the promotion and thereafter attempt for filling up the post on ad-hoc basis was not made since the post had lapsed as per the instructions issued by the Ministry of Finance.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

Compensation for Family Planning Acceptors

15. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of compensation given to the State Governments for family planning acceptors per case;

(b) whether certain States including Andhra Pradesh have requested to enhance the rate of compensation as they are paying Rs. 580/- per case; and

(c) if so, the action taken to release funds to compensate them retrospectively w.e.f. 1.4.2000?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) On the basis of inputs received from States/UTs and after considering the overall increase in wage levels since 1986 (when rates of compensation were earlier fixed), an increase in compensation amount for undergoing tubectomy, vasectomy and IUD insertion was considered. After careful consideration, the Government has since modified the scheme of cash compensation for loss of wages for sterilisation/IUD insertion as given below:

The compensation amount per beneficiary for Tubectomy has been raised from Rs. 200/- to Rs. 300/- for Vasectomy from Rs. 180/- to Rs. 200/- and for IUD insertion from Rs. 16/- to Rs. 20/- since Feb. 2001.

States/UTs have been given flexibility to apportion the amount of Rs. 300/200/20 among various types of expenditure, for carrying out Tubectomy Vasectomy/IUD insertions.

(c) Funds under this scheme are released to the States and Union Territories on quarterly basis, in advance, based on the performance in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Casual staff in AIIMS

19. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual staff working in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);

(b) since when they have been working;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to regularise such staff; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) At present 1260 casual staff in Group-D are working in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. They have been working for the last 2—6 years.

(c) and (d) The casual staff are being considered for regularisation against the vacant or newly created posts according to the recruitment rules and the Hon'ble High Court order dated 2nd February, 1999. 418 casual staff have been regularised in accordance with the policy laid down by the High Court.